

MAY CAUSE A STRIKE.

The Reading Railroad's Stand
Against Organized Labor.Chief Arthur and Other Leaders
Called to Philadelphia.The Rule Debarbing Union Men
Likely to Make Trouble.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]
PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12.—It is more than probable that within the next few days the Reading Railroad company will be making the strength of its capital against that of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen. The officers of the latter organization regard the Reading's rule that no employee of the company shall be a member of a labor union as a challenge to a test of strength, and it is on the cards that there will be another big railroad strike unless the obnoxious rule is abolished.

Nearly all the leaders of the railroad labor organizations came to town yesterday in response to the telegrams sent them on Friday and Saturday, and last night there were gathered in the Little St. Charles Hotel the most important representation of organized labor that was ever in Philadelphia.

Chief P. M. Arthur, head of the Brotherhood of Engineers, arrived early in the morning after an all-night journey from Cleveland, and he was followed shortly afterwards by Chief P. H. Morrissey, of the brakemen, and S. A. Wilkinson, of the trainmen. The latter came from Chicago.

Chief P. M. Arthur, of the firemen, who said he could not come because of the annual convention of his organization in Cincinnati, was sent for the second time, and last night he replied that he would come on at once.

Chief Arthur said last night that while the situation was a serious one he thought it possible that it would end in an amicable adjustment.

Chairman Clapp, of the Committee from the Federated Order of Reading Employees, said: "When we see President McLeod again we shall be in position to tell him some things which we could not tell him Friday."

"When we act it will be with concerted force—every interest represented and every man's opinion placed where it will do the most good."

"This involves more than the question of hours or of wages, conditions which have caused strikes in the past. The principle of labor organization is at stake—the right of men to organize in plainer terms—and the question brings every labor man in the country to his feet. Behind the men who will act on President McLeod to ask him to remove his unjust rule will be the workers of this continent. It couldn't be better represented."

A request for the presence of General Manager Workman Powderly and President Gompers was sent yesterday, and it is understood that it was at the request of Chief Arthur and Gompers.

President McLeod said yesterday: "I told the committee which called upon me Friday what the company's attitude towards labor organizations was, and if they come to see me again I can only repeat it."

"We have certain rules governing the employees in labor organizations, and that is not to be changed. One forbids the employees' membership in labor organizations, and that is not to be changed. It doesn't say that we do not recognize labor organizations, for there are none on the road to recognize."

"The rule does not apply to old employees."

PUBLIC SCHOOLS REOPEN TO-DAY.

275,000 the Estimated First Day's Attendance.

The streets and avenues of New York were thronged with bright-faced boys and girls in spick-span clean clothing this morning. It is estimated that there were 275,000 of them, and they were all on their way to their respective schools, primary or grammar.

Thousands of children drop out after the novelty wears off, and the regular attendance right through the year will be about 150,000. Many of those who drop out will go to the parochial schools when they open.

There is no great change in the curriculum of the city schools, though Supt. Jasper is endeavoring to make the study of English a greater feature, by the introduction of good books by standard authors.

In January kindergartens will be introduced among the very small children. Prof. F. A. Adler's Workmen's School, No. 10 West 14th street, resumed work today, also, under the direction of Supt. M. P. E. Grossmann.

Art and science, free hand drawing, modeling, music and gymnastics have been added to the studies in the department for the training of kindergarten teachers.

BOARDED BY A RUSSIAN.

Report that Six English and Two American Seamen Were Seized.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 12.—The sealer E. B. Marvin, now in port, spoke Kate and Ann, of the schooner, that had been boarded by the Russian cruiser Heston.

The Russian captured himself with taking the catch of sealkins and surplus provisions.

The Russian had aboard a number of sealing men, and the captain said that eight vessels, six British and two American, had been seized.

\$25 FOR A CONTRADICTION.

A K. of L. Assembly Declares that
Tariff is a Deadly Fox.

Local Assembly 7212, Knights of Labor, of the organization stating that it holds that a protective tariff robs the many for the benefit of the few; that it lowers wages and deprives men of employment, and that it is a deadly foe to organized labor.

The Assembly therefore offers a cash prize of \$25 to any Knight of Labor or trade unionist who can prove to the contrary, and requests a conference with the assemblies to arrange for a debate upon the foregoing proposition.

Compulsory Education Opposed.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—At all the Catholic churches in Illinois a pastoral letter signed by the Archbishop of Chicago and Bishop of Peoria, Belleville and Alton, was read yesterday. It denounces the Edwards Compulsory Education law and calls upon Catholic voters to enforce the demand for its repeal. It is taken to mean that the Catholics of Illinois will join the Lutherans, as they did in Wisconsin, in the fight against State interference in denominational schools.

Mrs. Wisniewski's Suffering Street for children teaching teaches the child from pain. 25c.

STATE PRINTER BURNED OUT.

Several Departments Lose Their
Annual Reports.Property Worth \$500,000 Laid in
Ruins at Albany.

ALBANY, Sept. 12.—About 2 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the upper portion of the State Printing Office, on the north side of Hudson avenue, between Green and Pearl streets, and spread with frightful rapidity.

When the firemen arrived the entire top story was in flames. A perfect rain of sparks upon the surrounding buildings and into adjacent streets made Beaver street very impassable soon after the first alarm.

At 2:30 the fire which started in what was formerly the Second Department office in the rear of the Lyon Building, was wholly destroyed, and its walls had fallen. The hotel Columbia was on fire. The Germania Hotel and Jackson Hall, situated on Beaver street, were also on fire. The loss, it is thought, will be over half a million.

Soon after 4 o'clock the fire was gotten under control. James R. Lyon is probably the heaviest loser. He figures his loss over insurance at about \$500,000.

The annual reports of these State departments were in his hands: Civil-Service Commission, Forest Commission, Lunacy Commission, Public Works and State Engineer, and State Prison Commission.

A large portion of the copy of the work entitled "Corporation Law," which is being prepared by Frank White, Corporation Clerk in the Secretary of State's office, is destroyed; as was also volume 134, New York reports, which Lyon was getting out.

DIVER CLANS ARE OUT.

Annual Outing of the Police Justice's
Second District Friends.

A few thousands of the political and personal friends of Police Justice Patrick Dwyer set out this morning for a day's outing at Whitehouse, L. I., the occasion being the annual excursion and picnic of the Patrick Dwyer Association of the Second Assembly District.

About one thousand members of the Association assembled at the club-house in Madison street, at about half past one, and paraded to the pier at the foot of Market street, where a steamer, to which capacious barges were lashed, awaited the diver clans.

The day is being spent in stunts of the drive, Whitestone, in dancing, sports and general merry-making. On the return of the excursionists tonight they will be met by 1,000 stay-at-homes, and there will be a parade of every street in the district, with a display of fireworks.

Little Girls May Not Sing.

The five little girls who have been anxious to sing at the Press Club's benefit on Thursday afternoon at the Broadway Theatre applied for writs of mandamus to compel the Mayor to allow them to sing under the law, but the hearing has been adjourned until the 14th inst. The delay may prevent their appearance. The case of Manager Stevens is to be heard at the same time.

Shot Hanged Himself.

Shortly before 6 o'clock this morning Frederick Ott, aged fifty, of 245 Wyckoff avenue, Brooklyn, committed suicide by hanging himself with a rope from a hook in the wall in a vacant room at 2014 Third avenue.

CAUGHT IN A FIRE TRAP.

Narrow Escape of the Occupants
of a Canal Street Building.Stairway in Flames and No Connection
Between Fire-Escapes.

The occupants of the three-story building at 103 and 105 Canal street had a terrible scare early this morning, and but for the promptness and coolness of the firemen some of them would probably have lost their lives.

A few minutes after 3 o'clock, fire broke out in the kitchen of the building, and spread rapidly on the ground floor of the building. A young man who was passing saw the blaze through the restaurant windows and called the attention of Policeman Owen Gallagher, who sent an alarm.

Wolk's restaurant is in that part of the building numbered 103. At No. 105, which is on the corner, is the bakery of E. G. Menzberger. The stairs leading to the floors above are in the west end of the building next to the restaurant. When the firemen came the stairs were ablaze from cellar to roof.

The second floor is occupied by Baker Menzberger and his wife. On the top floor lived Restaurant-keeper Wolk, his wife and four children, the oldest twelve years and the youngest one year old.

John Richter and his wife had rooms in the house. Henry Richter, who is employed by Wolk, slept on the top floor, and a woman named Mrs. Schmidt rented a room from the Wols.

Menzberger and two of his hands were at work in the kitchen when the outbreak occurred, but didn't know anything about it until the policeman roused them out.

The firemen found their way out by way of the stairs cut off the fire. The halls and rooms were charged with smoke. The occupants, all of whom were in their night clothes, took to the fire-escapes, which are on the Forsyth street side of the building.

The firemen found the second and third stories were soon crowded with men, women and children. They had escaped from the flames, which by this time were eating through the floors and a new horror confronted them.

The fire-escapes had no connecting ladders and the only chance for them was to jump. John Richter at this existing moment took and Ladder Company No. 6 rolled up. Foreman John Hordan at once ordered a second alarm and then two ladders were run up.

The firemen assisted the frightened people down the ladders. All were got down safely. Restaurant-keeper Wolk's four children were carried down the ladder from the top floor. Mrs. Richter tried to save her trunk and dragged it down to the first floor, where he was forced to abandon it and rush to the fire-escape to save his life.

Wolk's restaurant was completely burned out. Menzberger's bakery was gutted and the two floors upstairs were badly burned. The loss was placed at \$3,000. It is supposed the fire started from the range in the kitchen.

Indigestion Cured.

"I have for years been troubled with distress in my stomach and indigestion. When I took Hood's Sarsaparilla the effect was surprising. It gave me great relief, and I now eat without that terrible distress. I also feel well and am in good general health, for all of which I thank HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA." Wm. Ward, Boot and Shoe dealer, 17 Merrick street, Lowell, Mass.

HOOD'S PILLS cure liver ills, constipation, biliousness, jaundice and sick headache.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

Sun rises 5:37, sets 6:15. Moon rises 9:50, sets 12:24.

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The Fear of Cholera.

HAS SET PEOPLE THINKING OF THE CLEANLINESS OF THEIR HOMES, AS CLEANLINESS
IS THE BEST PREVENTION. THEREFORE COULD WE SUGGEST A BETTER TIME FOR
YOU TO REFURNISH YOUR HOME WITH NEWFURNITURE, BEDDING, CARPETS, CLOCKS,
PICTURES, STOVES, CURTAINS, ETC., ETC.OUR STOCK IS LARGE. OUR PRICES THE LOWEST, AND OUR SYSTEM OF CREDIT SO
LIBERAL THAT ANY ONE ABLE TO PAY

ONE DOLLAR PER WEEK

CAN SECURE THE NECESSARY GOODS TO MAKE THEIR HOME A COMFORTABLE ONE.

OUR TERMS:

\$30 WORTH.....\$1.00 PER WEEK \$100 WORTH.....\$2.00 PER WEEK
\$50 ".....\$1.50 " \$200 ".....\$3.00 " " "

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ELEVATED RAILROAD STATION 75TH ST. OPEN SATURDAYS TILL 9 P. M.

"THE HERMIT" LEFT AN ESTATE.

John Henry in Many Respects Resembled Miser Paine.

It is now learned that John Henry, an old man known as "The Hermit," who died at 630 Eighth avenue, 4 last, left an estate the existence of which no one knew but Rev. Stephen Merritt and Prof. John F. Dietrich, with whom Henry had boarded for several years.

Henry had many of the peculiarities of Miser Paine, who died in a little street, current possession of a fortune of half a million. Henry kept all his securities in an old valise in his room with all sorts of worthless rubbish and old clothes heaped about it. He had a mania for collecting newspapers, less by passengers on the benches in the Grand Central Station. He was a six-footer, born in Ireland about eighty-three years ago, so far as known he left no heirs.

LITTLE JAKES' FUNERAL.

The Hunchback Newboy Buried in Washington Cemetery.

The funeral of Jakey Kalansky, the little hunchback newboy, took place at 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon from the Monahan Home for incurables. A number of newspaper representatives were in attendance. Incurment was in Washington Cemetery.

A very pretty floral design, representing the upper half of the first page of the EVENING WORLD, with the initials "E. W." surrounded by roses in the center of the page, was sent up to the home by employees of this paper. Another design, from Jakey's newspaper friends, was in the shape of a pillow.

NOTIFICATION SURPLUS.

A Balance of \$1,311.94 After Paying All Expenses.

After paying all expenses the Committee of One Hundred in charge of the notification ceremonies of Cleveland and Stevenson, at Madison Square Garden July 20 last, has a balance of \$1,311.94 on hand.

The Committee will meet to-morrow noon in the Governor's Room City Hall, to wind up its affairs and decide what disposition shall be made of the surplus.

Adial to Speak in North Carolina.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Sept. 12.—Adial E. Stevenson has just returned from his speech-making tour in Indiana. He will begin his work in North Carolina next Thursday, speaking at Asheville, in that State.

A. Ward & Sons,

Leading Merchant Tailors,
232 & 234 BOWERY, COR. PRINCE ST.-Our-
Fall Styles
Now Ready.

The Largest Varieties to Select From.

Suits Trousers
"16.00" "4.00"

TO MEASURE TO MEASURE

English Trouserings.

A LARGE SELECTION.

5.00 TO MEASURE.

Best Value Ever Offered in This City.

We give a written guarantee with every garment to keep same in pair for One Year free of charge. Samples and rules for self-measurement mailed free.

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M. J. GROSSMAN

asks you to compare his prices on Furniture or Drapery Coverings, such as Cushions, Brocade, Tapestries, Cardrugs, etc., with other dealers.

MARTIN J. GROSSMAN,
PHOTOGRAPHY.

58 EAST 13TH ST.

One door west of Broadway.

FIREMEN KNOCKED DOWN.

Electric Currents Follow Streams of Water at a Fire.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Sept. 12.—During a fearful storm of rain and electricity which swept over Bloomington last night six business buildings in this city were set on fire by over-charged electric wires.

Three fires were going at one time, and the Fire Department had a serious time of it. When water was thrown upon the fires the men holding the hose were promptly knocked down by the currents which passed over the streams of water that were holding into the ground.

IT IS AGAINST THE MILITIA.

Verdict in the Case of Young Broderick, Killed in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 12.—The Coroner's jury in the case of Michael Broderick, the boy shot by soldiers of the Twenty-second Regiment on Aug. 23 during the railroad strike, to-day brought in a verdict declaring the shooting unjustifiable, and recommending that all honorable means be taken to bring